



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 17, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 St. Nicholas Catholic Church North Pole, Alaska

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,

& *FRIDAY: 9:00 am **Healing Mass on Fridays*

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY: 8:00 am

FRIDAY: 7:30 am

CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 pm

FRIDAY: 7:40 am

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm

Available by appointment

CLERGY & STAFF

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Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:18-20

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:

Prearrangement required.

Please contact Fr. Aiden.

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Heather.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please contact Fr. Aiden.

FUNERALS

Please contact Fr. Aiden.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Every 1st Friday | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

RELIGIOUS ED. Resumes in September

CHILDREN'S RE / EDGE:

Sundays | 10:30 am - 11:45 am

SACRAMENTAL PREP:

Saturdays | 9:00 am

OCIC:

Sundays | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

OCIA:

Tuesdays | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY:

Sundays | 10:30 am - 11:45 am

Monday Morning | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday Evening | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

A community centered on the light of Christ through word, works, and worship.

WELCOME!



St. Nicholas extends a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish, are visiting, or are new to the area. Please feel free to stop by the church office and introduce yourself and your family.

If you are joining
our parish,
please register
online:



fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com

If you are leaving our community, please
let us know so we can update your record
to keep our database current

CONNECT



St. Nicholas uses FlockNote to send parishioners updates on parish events. To join FlockNote, text the keyword 'Nicholas' to 84576, or contact the parish office.

Religious Education

RE Classes & Sacramental Prep for 2026-2027 will begin this fall. Have a great summer!

OCIA / OCIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children OCIA (adults) and OCIC (children) are for those in need of the Sacraments or inquiring about the faith. Please contact the Dir. of Religious Ed., Heather, for more info.

Sessions will resume in the fall.

Bible Study

Monday night we'll study the Creed, i.e., the Church's core beliefs, and the Sacraments. You can also participate in a study that offers practical ways of living out our faith. This last one is for independent study and, if people are interested, it will be available for group study Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested in the Monday night, Tuesday afternoon, or independent studies, please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium.

Sunday: 10:30am | Mondays: 10am & 6:30pm
All studies meet in the Conference Room.

Last meetings before summer break will be this Sunday/Monday, May 17 & 18.

Regular meetings will resume in the fall.

For more information, scan this QR Code or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/faith-formation



Want to sign up for FORMED?

- Go to formed.org/signup
- Select your parish (using zip code)
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

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Youth Ministry



SUMMER SUNDAYS

Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2026 are invited to attend.

5/17 - 4-6pm, Youth Room

5/24 - 4-6pm, Youth Room

The Youth Room will be open on specified Sundays this Summer for Fun and Fellowship.

CONFIRMATION

May 16th - Confirmation Class Retreat

FIRST FRIDAYS

Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2026 are invited for an evening together each month.

The next SNYM First Friday will be on June 5th.

*To RSVP, view the SNYM calendar, and for more information, scan the QR Code above or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS
to our SNYM Graduates



Young Adults



GATHER•CONNECT•GROW

GCG will not meet in May.

Our next gathering will be on June, 30th.

For more information scan the QR Code above or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/young-adults

Adults ages 18-39 are invited to share an evening together, 6-8pm on the last Tuesday of each month at St. Nick's.

Formed.org is an online platform that offers a wide range of Catholic content, including movies, audio books, podcasts, and shows, aimed at deepening the spiritual journey of individuals and families.

STEWARDSHIP

OPERATING FUND STATUS

General Offerings as of	5/10/2026
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,283
Actual Collection	\$ 10,419
Over/(under) Weekly Budget	\$ 3,136
Year-to-date Budget	\$ 326,521
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 406,331
Over/(under) Yearly Budget	\$ 79,810
Expenses Budgeted for the FY26	\$ 519,979
Expenses Year-to-Date	\$ 460,816

Thank you for your generosity!

3% Sunday Collection Contributions

Last Month: Catholic Home Missions Appeal - Total Donation \$1,475

This Month: St. Nick's Youth Ministry - World Youth Day in Seoul Korea

Next Month: Peter's Pence www.usccb.org/peters-pence

FY26 Stained Glass Donations: \$27,495

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- Choose your preferred method and amount

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Finance Manager, Anne Armour. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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rewards



Scan the QR Code and follow the instructions using KD433 for St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

PayPal



Donations to St. Nicholas Catholic Church can also be made at any time via PayPal.

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May is traditionally set aside in the Catholic Church as the month of Mary. Pope Leo has dedicated his prayer intention for the month of May for this year with the caption, *"That everyone might have food."* This is one of humanity's most persistent challenges: hunger. He calls on Catholics worldwide to confront food insecurity with both prayer and concrete action.

He urges us to move away from selfish consumption and towards a culture of solidarity through supporting food banks, raising awareness, and living more simply. As we pray our rosaries and honor our Lady this month, let our devotion bear fruit in action. Consider donating to any food bank or simply wasting less at your own table.

The month is almost over but as we continue to pray the rosary this month, let's make sure our devotion *"grows legs."* Let us turn our prayers into a feast for those in need.

Mary, mother of the poor and hungry, pray for us.

Father Aiden



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 18

9:00 am | Birthdays of Colette Mahony & Tiffany L. Piser

TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:00 am | +Mary McMullin & Special Intentions of Bob and Anna Fath

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 pm | +Bob Piser

THURSDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am | Anniversary of Mark and Rochelle Renner

FRIDAY, MAY 22

9:00 am | +Oliver Sloan

SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:00 pm | People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 24

9:00 am | Joe & Celeste Adams for blessings and graces in their new marriage

12:00 pm | +Veterans

Mass intentions may be submitted directly through the parish office or via an envelope. Envelopes are available on the bulletin board in the atrium. Suggested donation is \$20 per intention.

WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

IN MEMORY OF

The Deceased of St. Nicholas Parish

To make a flower dedication, please fill out an envelope or contact the parish office. Suggested donation is \$55.



DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, MAY 18

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 19:1-8 / Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab / Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Acts 20:17-27 / Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 / Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 20:28-38 / Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab / Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 21

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 / Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 25:13b-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab / Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Ps 11:4, 5, 7 / Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Solemnity of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 / "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" / Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

REGULAR MEETINGS & TIMES

PARISH POTLUCK:

Every 1st Saturday | 6:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Meets 3rd Wednesday | 7:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meets 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP:

Meets at local parks in summer beginning May 13
Wednesdays | 10:00 am

Fundraising

Donations are now being accepted for the Stained Glass Window Project.

If you'd like to help with this endeavor, you may make a donation. When submitting your donation, please indicate it is for "stained glass windows". Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Donations can be made in person, using the QR Code, or at the following link:
<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/1f63adcc-7207-4c24-adf7-1b0ac057e48f>



This Month and Upcoming at St. Nicholas



Confirmation | Sunday, May 31

On Sunday, May 31 at the Noon Mass our confirmandi will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Come and witness this beautiful moment in the spiritual lives of our young ones.

Rummage Sale Donations

Decluttering and spring cleaning? Consider donating your used items to the Rummage Sale. Beginning May 6, donations can be left in the classroom across from the Parish Coordinator's office. Rummage Sale will be June 4-6.



Church Cleanup Day | Saturday, May 30

Help keep our church clean inside and out! Join us for cleanup day, Saturday, May 30 from 8 am to 12 pm.



Summer Oratory & Girls and Boys Camps

SUMMER ORATORY

July 14-17th from 9am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, ages 7-17.

GIRLS AND BOYS CAMPS

The boys camp will be an overnight camp held at Lost Lake and open to boys ages 7-17. The girls' camp location is still to be determined; it is open to girls ages 10-17.

Both registrations can be found <https://iccfairbanks.org/summeroratory2026>



From the Diocese



Healing Novena

The Diocese will have a Novena for Healing offered for all those who are in need of healing. All the faithful are invited to join us in praying the novena. Starting May 16 and continuing through May 24, videos will be posted on the Diocesan Facebook page and YouTube channel of the novena. Booklets will be available at the parishes or can be downloaded from the Diocese website.

CATECHESIS: Neophytes and the Period of Mystagogy

For the last several weeks, we have all been enjoying the blessings and joys that come from Easter Time in the Church. That time is drawing to a close as Pentecost approaches. Concluding, also, will be another important period of time for our neophytes, the Period of Mystagogy.

What is a neophyte?

Firstly, what is a neophyte in the Catholic Church? Neophyte, from the Greek word *newly planted*, is an individual who has been baptized and is now fully incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ. Our current neophytes came officially into the Church the evening of the Easter Vigil/Sunday Mass in April and have continued to attend OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes while participating in what the church refers to as the Period of Mystagogy.

What is the Period of Mystagogy?

Receiving the sacrament of Baptism and becoming part of the Church is not the end of the journey for our neophytes. Their

spiritual progress continues as they go through the fifty day journey of Mystagogy between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. The Catholic Apostolic Center describes this period as the following:

"Mystagogy comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lead through the mysteries.' The Catechism describes mystagogy as a 'liturgical catechesis that aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ' (CCC 1075). Mystagogy leads us from the external signs and rituals of the liturgy to the inner, spiritual meaning of the divine life they signify. Mystagogy is the form of catechesis that helps us unpack and explore the spiritual treasures contained in the sacraments by continuously reflecting on their meaning and significance in our personal lives of faith."

Please continue to keep all our newly baptized and initiated in your prayers as they complete these crucial milestones. The truth for all of us is that the spiritual life of a follower of Christ is never over.

It is something that must be constantly nurtured and reflected upon so that we can continue to grow closer to our Lord and be the disciples He would like us to be.

Sources:

<https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/blog/mystagogy-living-the-mystery>

<https://catholicus.eu/en/neophytes-the-beauty-and-challenge-of-being-reborn-in-christ-a-theological-and-practical-guide-for-the-spiritual-life/>

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, C. Bowman & Family, +Stephen Ballek & Family, +Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, +Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, +Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob & Anna Fath, Mary Fish, +Wyatt Fleming, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, +Michael Goble, Pat Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, +Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, +Adolfo Guadiz, +Lori Harand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Horne, John, Donald Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karcmarczyk, Kim, Tom Laridaen, Brian, Lashinski Family, +Maxwell Lashinski, +Eleanor LeBeau, +Chelsey Luker, Mary Mays, Casey McKee, Deshawn Miranda, Moon Family, +Ron Murray and family, Nathalie, +Ann Nickerson, Doris Noblet, Evette Odhiambo, Bob Okri, +McKinley Win Ostanik, Heather Patterson, Kama Patterson, Tom Pendergast, +David Peissner, Powers Family, +Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., +Daniel Rawson, Rawson Family, +Rosie Shearer, Matthew Smith, +Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Rachel Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, +Mary Wing, Arthur & +Rose Wood, +Kaylynn Woody, Woody Family.

WEEKLY GRATITUDE

Thank you to all who organized and put on the wonderful reception last weekend for our 2026 High School Graduates! We are so happy for the Class of 2026 and wish them all the best!



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